

Amendments to the Claims:

1. to 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) An attenuated strain of a bacterium harbouring a vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding at least one immunoprotection-inducing *Chlamydia* protein or a fragment thereof which generates a *Chlamydia* protein specific immune response and a promoter operatively coupled to said nucleic acid molecule for expression of said *Chlamydia* protein or fragment thereof in cells of a host to which the strain is administered but not in said attenuated bacteria.

20. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 19 wherein said immunoprotection inducing *Chlamydia* protein or fragment thereof is a major outer membrane protein (MOMP) of a strain of *Chlamydia*.

21. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 20 wherein said strain of *Chlamydia* is a strain of *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.

22. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 20 wherein said strain of *Chlamydia* is a strain of *Chlamydia trachomatis*.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The attenuated strain of claim 19 ~~23~~ wherein said promoter is a cytomegalovirus promoter.

25. (Currently amended) The attenuated strain of claim 19 ~~23~~ wherein said vector is a plasmid vector.

26. (Currently amended) The attenuated strain of claim 25 wherein said plasmid vector ~~is has the identifying characteristics of~~ pcDNA3/MOMP as seen in Figure 5.

27. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 19 wherein said attenuated bacteria is an attenuated strain of *Salmonella*.

28. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 27 wherein said attenuated strain of *Salmonella* is an attenuated strain of *Salmonella typhimurium*.

29. to 40 (Cancelled)